State of Arizona Senate Forty-fifth Legislature First Regular Session 2001

CHAPTER 351

SENATE BILL 1360

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 33-1452, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO ARIZONA MOBILE HOME PARKS RESIDENTIAL LANDLORD AND TENANT ACT.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Section 33-1452, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

33-1452. Rules and regulations

- A. A landlord shall adopt written rules or regulations, however described, concerning the tenant's use and occupancy of the premises. Such rules or regulations are enforceable against the tenant only if:
- 1. Their purpose is to promote the convenience, safety or welfare of the tenants on the premises, preserve the landlord's property from abusive use, preserve or upgrade the quality of the mobile home park or make a fair distribution of services and facilities held out for the tenants generally.
 - 2. They are reasonably related to the purpose for which adopted.
 - 3. They apply to all tenants on the premises in a fair manner.
- 4. They are sufficiently explicit in prohibition, direction or limitation of the tenant's conduct to fairly inform the tenant of what must or must not be done to comply.
- 5. They are not for the purpose of evading the obligations of the landlord.
- 6. The prospective tenant has a copy of the current rules and regulations before he enters into the rental agreement.
- B. A new tenant who brings a mobile home into a mobile home park or who purchases an existing mobile home in a mobile home park shall comply with all current STATEMENTS OF POLICY AND rules or regulations, INCLUDING THOSE PERTAINING TO THE SIZE, CONDITION AND APPEARANCE OF THE MOBILE HOME, AND EXTERIOR MATERIALS WITH WHICH THE MOBILE HOME HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED.
- C. If any mobile home park owner adds, changes, deletes or amends any rule, notice in writing of all such additions, changes, deletions or amendments shall be furnished to all mobile home tenants thirty days before they become effective by first class or certified mail or by personal delivery. Any rule or condition of occupancy which is unfair and deceptive or which does not conform to the requirements of this chapter shall be unenforceable. A rule or regulation adopted after the tenant enters into the rental agreement is enforceable against the tenant only if it does not work a substantial modification of his rental agreement.
 - D. A person who owns or operates a mobile home park shall not:
- 1. Deny rental unless the mobile home is not compatible with the other mobile homes in the park or does not meet the requirements of the RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE LANDLORD AND THE statements of policy prescribed pursuant to section 33-1436 or the park resident or prospective resident cannot conform to park rules and regulations.
- 2. Require any person as a precondition to renting, leasing or otherwise occupying a space for a mobile home in a mobile home park to pay an entrance or exit fee of any kind unless for services actually rendered or pursuant to a written agreement.

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- 3. Deny any resident of a mobile home park the right to sell the resident's mobile home at a price of his own choosing during the term of the tenant's rental agreement, but the landlord may reserve the right to approve the purchaser of such mobile home as a tenant but such permission may not be unreasonably withheld, except that the landlord may require, notwithstanding paragraph 6 of this subsection, in order to preserve or upgrade the quality of his mobile home park, that any mobile home not compatible with the other mobile homes in the park IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LANDLORD'S CURRENT RULES AND REGULATIONS AND STATEMENTS OF POLICY, or in a rundown condition or in disrepair be removed from the park within sixty days. Within ten days of a written request by the seller or prospective purchaser, a landlord shall notify the seller and the prospective purchaser in writing of any reasons for withholding approval of a purchaser pursuant to this paragraph.
- 4. Exact a commission or fee with respect to the price realized by the tenant selling the mobile home, unless the park owner or operator has acted as agent for the mobile home owner pursuant to a written agreement.
- 5. Require a tenant or prospective tenant to use any specific sales agency, manufacturer, retailer or broker.
- 6. Notwithstanding section 33-1436, subsection C, require an existing tenant to furnish permanent improvements which cannot be removed without damage thereto or to the mobile home space by a tenant at the expiration of the rental agreement. If the landlord includes any requirements for permanent improvements in the rules or statements of policy, these requirements shall not apply to any mobile home already existing in the mobile home park.
- 7. Prohibit a tenant from advertising the sale or exchange of the tenant's mobile home, including the display of a "for sale" or "open house" sign on the dwelling or in the window of the mobile home stating the name, address and telephone number of the owner or agent of the mobile home. The sign may be no larger than twelve inches wide and eighteen inches long. In addition to the display of a sign in the window, the tenants may display the signs on a central posting board in the park which is reasonably accessible to the public seven days a week during daylight hours.
- E. The landlord or manager of a mobile home park shall include, in rules and regulations, an emergency number to be called when the park is left unattended, regardless of the size of the park.
- F. The landlord shall not prohibit meetings of tenants with or without invited visiting speakers in the mobile home park relating to mobile home living and affairs in the park community or recreational hall if such meetings are held at reasonable hours and when the facility is not otherwise in use.
- G. Any improvements made by a tenant such as plants, vines, edgings, gravel, stone or other additions made for the benefit of the tenancy may be removed by the tenant, or by agreement of both parties the landlord may retain the improvements by paying the tenant for their actual cost.

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- H. If a tenant dies, any surviving joint tenant or cotenant continues as tenant with the same rights, privileges and liabilities as if the surviving tenant were the original tenant, with the additional right to terminate the rental agreement by giving sixty days' written notice to the landlord within sixty days after the death of the tenant.
- I. If a tenant who was sole owner of the mobile home dies during the term of the rental agreement, the tenant's heirs or legal representative have the right to cancel the lease by giving thirty days' written notice to the landlord with the same rights, privileges and liabilities of the original tenant.
- J. THIS SECTION DOES NOT PROHIBIT A LANDLORD FROM REQUIRING REMOVAL OF A MOBILE HOME FROM THE MOBILE HOME PARK WITHIN SIXTY DAYS AFTER THE SALE BY A TENANT IF THE MOBILE HOME DOES NOT MEET THE CURRENT REQUIREMENTS OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS AND STATEMENTS OF POLICY, INCLUDING THOSE PERTAINING TO THE SIZE, CONDITION AND APPEARANCE OF THE MOBILE HOME, AND EXTERIOR MATERIALS WITH WHICH THE MOBILE HOME HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED.
 - Sec. 2. <u>Joint legislative study committee on mobile home parks;</u> water service; members; report
- A. A joint legislative study committee on water services in mobile home parks is established consisting of the following members:
- 1. Six members of the senate who are appointed by the president of the senate and no more than three of whom are members of the same political party. The president of the senate shall select one member as the cochairman of the committee.
- 2. Six members of the house of representatives who are appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and no more than four of whom are members of the same political party. The speaker of the house of representatives shall select one member as the cochairman of the committee.
- 3. One operator of a mobile home park who is appointed by the governor.
- 4. One representative of the Arizona corporation commission who is appointed by the governor.
 - 5. One member of the public who is appointed by the governor.
- 6. One representative of municipal water providers who is appointed by the president of the senate.
- 7. One representative of an association of mobile home parks who is appointed by the president of the senate.
- 8. One representative of an association of mobile park residents who is appointed by the president of the senate.
- 9. One representative of an association of recreational vehicle parks who is appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.
- 10. One representative of a municipal water provider in a county with a population of more than one million three hundred thousand persons who is appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

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- 11. One representative of a municipal water provider in a county with a population of less than one million three hundred thousand persons who is appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.
- B. The committee shall study issues involving master water metering in mobile home parks, including the following:
 - 1. Number and type of water systems used in mobile home communities.
- 2. Cost of providing water, water metering services and providing and maintaining the infrastructure for master meter communities.
- 3. Analysis of distribution systems involved in master water meter mobile home communities.
- 4. Rehabilitation upgrades of mobile home communities including infrastructure.
- C. On or before December 15, 2001, the committee shall submit a final report regarding the committee's activities and recommendations for legislative action to the governor, the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives and provide a copy of this report to the secretary of state and the director of the Arizona state library, archives and public records.

Sec. 3. Delayed repeal

Section 2 of this act is repealed from and after December 31, 2001.

APPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MAY 7, 2001.

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